and Kirghizia in October, 1991, preliminary discussions have also been held with the Balarus Republic. Efforts are being made to conclude trade protocols for 1992 with the Soviet Union and its Republics at an early date.

Decline in Wheat Export

2650. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there would be a decline in the export of wheat during 1991-92; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir. This year 8 lakh MTs of wheat are expected to be exported as against 2.01 lakh last year.

(b) Does not arise.

Impact of political changes in Soviet Union on the Export of Tobacco

2651. SHRI YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 164 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd December, 1991 and state the impact of the political changes in U.S.S.R, on tobacco exports?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): According to the information available with the Tobacco Board, the quantities of tobacco finalised under Trade Plan Provisions for 1991 have already been exported to U.S.S.R. The position in respect of future exports will be known only during discussions with the Soviets on the Trade Protocol for 1992.

Revamping the system of total export-oriented units and export processing zones

2652. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken for revamping the system of total export-oriented units and export processing zones;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the purpose for revamping the systems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) With a view to making the 100% Export Oriented units and Export Processing Zones Schemes more attractive. Government have announced a package for these schemes, as part of the new Trade Policy. These include a revised procedure of application and processing of proposals under the two schemes, delegation of some specific powers of Board of Approvals / Administrative Ministries to Development Commissioners of Export Processing Zones for 100% EOUs and EPZ units and certain procedural simplifications.

आल इंडिया ब्रेवर्स एसोसिएशन द्वारा होप्स का आयात

@2652-ए. **श्री सुशील बरोंगपा:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि ऑल इंडिया ब्रेवर्स एसोसिएशन ने मई, 1990 में 10 करोड़ रुपये मूल्य के होप्स के आयात करने का अनुरोध किया था;

(ख) क्या वर्ष 1990-91 में 10 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक मूल्य के होप्स का आयात किया गया था; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

@ पूर्वतः अतारांकित प्रश्न 2969, 18 दिसम्बर, 1991 से स्थानांतरित

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) (क) से (ग) सम्बन्धित विभागों से जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभापटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Loss incurred in Diamond Transaction

2653. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the transactions in diamond processing industry are verbal;

(b) if so, whether Government have estimated its loss of revenue as a result thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to lighten its vigil on the transactions of the industry so as to plug the leakage of Government resource?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Surplus staff in Government Offices

2654. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government found a large number of officers and staff surplus to its requirments;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether certain posts are manned by deputationists in those Departments where officers and staff are being declared surplus; particularly CCI&E where 40 per cent posts are manned by deputationists;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to repatriate deputations to their parent cadres in the first instance; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) to (c) In pursuance of the objectives and functions assigned to Staff Inspection unit (SIU) under the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961, it reviews the man-power requirments of Government Departments (excluding the Railways which have their own arrangements) through cyclical programme of inspections drawn up well in advance under its Annual Action Plan. In addition, SIU also carries out ad-hoc studies of organisations referred to it by this Ministry of Finance involving proposals for creation of a large number of posts.

The result of studies conducted by SIU for the last 3 years is indicated in the enclosed statement (See below). The SIU studies are aimed at assessment of workload as such and no distinction is made between deputationists and non-deputationists.

Though the Office of CCI&E has not been studied for the last three years, it has been ascertained from that office that 40% posts are manned by deputationists in Grade I of the Central Trade Service, ft is in accordance with the Central Trade Service (Group 'A') Rules, 1977 as amended from time to time.

(d) and (e) Centrally no decision has been taken to repatriate deputationists from various Ministries/Departments. The modalities for effecting the reduction of staff will be worked out by the concerned Departments.